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BONN FOR US DEL CSCE SCIENTIFIC FORUM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE, TGEN

SUBJECT: MEETING OF EXPERTS ON CSCE SCIENTIFIC FORUM:

MALTESE INQUIRE RE VALLETTA MEETING

REF: BONN 11609

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A. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE GOM IS ALREADY WORKING TO DEVELOP SUITABLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE VALLETTA MEETING, AND WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT.

B. OUR OWN VIEWS ARE STILL VERY PRELIMINARY, BUT WE THINK THAT AGREEMENT ON PRECISE AGENDA ITEMS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

IN ASSURING THE MEETING'S PRODUCTIVITY AND SUCCESS.

C. WE THINK TOPICS OF FISHERIES AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ARE BOTH VERY USEFUL AND CONTAIN NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES FOR CONCRETE INITIATIVES. BOTH TOPICS, HOWEVER, REQUIRE MORE PRECISE DELINEATION.

D. SINCE THE VALLETTA MEETING IS IN THE CSCE CONTEXT, WE ALSO THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT THE MEETING DISCUSS INITIATIVES IN WHICH ALL CSCE STATES, AND NOT JUST THOSE BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, CAN PARTICIPATE FULLY.

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F. WE HOPE THE GOM WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP IDEAS FOR SPECIFIC INITIATIVES AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THESE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER CSCE COUNTRIES.

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